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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, FIELD OPERATIONS, APHIS, USDA, TO DR. BELLANI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ITALIAN VETERINARY SERVICES.

2. MESSAGE: DRS. FENNOY AND FORIEST OF THE USDA VISITED ITALIAN MEAT PLANTS CERTIFIED FOR U.S. EXPORT DURING THE WEEK OF NOV. 5-9, 1973. THEY REPORTED THAT IN SEVERAL PLANTS, THEY OBSERVED SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FROM PRESCRIBED U.S. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. THE PLANTS ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

ESTABLISHMENT 3, NEGRONI, CREMONA

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ESTABLISHMENTS 37L AND 73N, RONDANINI BUSTO, GARLFO, MILANO

ESTABLISHMENTS 62L AND 62M, MALETTI CASINALBO, MODENA
ESTABLISHMENTS 66L AND 66M, ALIMONT-FINALE, E. MODENA
ESTABLISHMENTS 112M AND 112S, DITTA GIUSEPPE CITTERIO SPA,
ALBANO S. ALESSANDRO, BERGAMO
ESTABLISHMENT 157L, INDUSTRIA ALIMENTARE GAZZOLDA, MANTOVA
ESTABLISHMENTS 207M AND 207S, IMAS FORMAGINE, MODENA
ESTABLISHMENTS 213L AND 213M, MONTI SIBILLINI PIEVE, TORINO

THE PRINCIPAL DEFICIENCIES REPORTED TOGETHER WITH THE ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE OBSERVED WERE:

A. ROUTINE POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION PROCEDURES NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE TO DETECT POSSIBLE DISEASED CARCASSES AND PARTS; SPECIFICALLY, FAILURE TO EXAMINE IMPORTANT LYMPH GLANDS. ESTABLISHMENTS 37, 112, 207 AND 213.
B. SWINE CARCASSES NOT COMPLETELY CLEAN PRIOR TO EVISCERATION. ESTABLISHMENTS 37, 62, 112 AND 207.
C. PRODUCT CONTAMINATED DURING PROCESSING. ESTABLISHMENTS 3, 37, 66, 112, 157L, 207 AND 213.
D. INADEQUATE FACILITIES PRESENT FOR SANITIZING AREAS CONTAMINATED FROM HANDLING OF DISEASED CARCASSES AND PARTS. ESTS. 37, 112 AND 207.
E. EQUIPMENT NOT SANITIZED PRIOR TO USE. ESTABLISHMENTS 3, 37, 66 AND 157L.
F. HORSEMEAT PRESENT IN ESTABLISHMENT. ESTABLISHMENT 157L.
G. CARCASSES CONTACT FLOOR DURING DRESSING OPERATIONS. ESTABLISHMENT 62.
H. NO SEPARATION BETWEEN CERTIFIED EXPORT PLANT AND UNCERTIFIED SLAUGHTER OPERATION. ESTABLISHMENT 62.
I. IDENTITY OF CARCASSES AND PARTS NOT IDENTIFIED THROUGHOUT INSPECTION. ESTABLISHMENT 213.
J. VISCERA WASHED IN COMMON BATH BEFORE INSPECTION. ESTABLISHMENT 213.
K. FACILITIES UNSUITABLE FOR CONDUCT OF INSPECTION. ESTABLISHMENTS 62 AND 213.

WE NOTE THAT THE U.S. VETERINARIANS ISSUED LETTERS OF ADVISEMENT TO DR. MESCHINI OF YOUR STAFF REQUESTING THAT PRODUCTION AFTER NOV. 12 IN THE ABOVE PLANTS BE SEGREGATED AND EXCLUDED FROM U.S. EXPORT PENDING A WASHINGTON DECISION OF THEIR FINDINGS. FURTHER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT MANY OF THE SAME DEFICIENCIES HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO ACCOMPANQNG ITALIAN INSPECTION OFFICIALS ON REVIEWS EARLIER IN THE YEAR WITH REQUESTS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.

ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU REMOVE THE ABOVE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE U.S. APPROVED LIST EFFECTIVE NOV. 12, 1973. PRODUCT PRODUCED ON OR BEFORE THAT DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE UNITED STATES SUBJECT TO PASSING USUAL IMPORT INSPECTION. PRODUCT

PRODUCED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IN THIS CONNECTION,
IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NONE OF THE SUBJECT PLANTS ARE PREPARING
U.S. EXPORTS IN QUANTITY AT THIS TIME.

WHEN THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED IN THE SUBJECT
ESTABLISHMENTS, THEY MAY BE RECERTIFIED BY YOU FOR EXPORT TO
THE UNITED STATES.

3. PLEASE CABLE APHIS/USDA WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED. KISSINGER

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